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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.60

Case Docket No. 129249-2

Anticipated Classification of this Application

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBCLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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Art Unit 1316

Address to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

This is a request for a  Continuation  Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior application Serial No. 08 / 742,976 filed on 11/1/96 entitled IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING ALUMINUM SHEET

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 08 / 742,976, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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SMALL ENTITY

(1) FOR:	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE FEE	OR	RATE FEE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASIC FEE:			\$ 395	OR	\$ 790
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS:	36 - 20 =	* 16	x 11 = \$	OR	x 22 = \$352
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS:	4 - 3 =	* 1	x 41 = \$	OR	x 82 = \$ 82
			<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>TOTAL \$1,224</b>

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2.  A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
  - is enclosed.
  - was filed in prior application Serial No. 08 / 742,976 and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
3.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2556. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.  A check in the amount of \$ 1,224.00 is enclosed.
5.  Cancel in this application original claims 37-45 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6.  The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is (are):  
Ming Li and Gregory Fata
7.  This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.60(b), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: \_\_\_\_\_
8.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a continuation,  division, of application Serial No. 08 / 742,976, filed November 1, 1996 (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."
9.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
10.  Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
  - The certified copy has been filed in prior application No. 08 / 742,976, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
11.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
12.  The prior application is assigned of record to: Aluminum Company of America
13.  Also enclosed:
14.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward L. Levine, Reg. No. 28,097; Thomas R. Trempus, Reg. No. 29,708; and Alan G. Towner, Reg. No. 32,949
  - a.  The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
  - b.  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
  - c.  Address all future correspondence to:  
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- Inventor(s)
- Assignee of Complete Interest Certification under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.
- Attorney or agent of record in prior application